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MEMORANDUM FOR

THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Announcement of Conclusion of the Current Round
 of Incidents at Sea Talks

Confirming the telephone conversation between General Pursley and General Haig on May 17, 1972, the President has directed that there be no public announcement of an agreement between United States and Soviet negotiators upon the conclusion of the current round of incidents at Sea Talks. A press announcement confirming the conclusion of the talks should be confined to stating that this round of talks has been successfully concluded and that the Soviet Delegation has departed.

The President has also directed that John Warner, the Secretary of the Navy, and one member of the U.S. Delegation proceed individually to Moscow to arrive not later than Wednesday, May 24, 1972, with the view toward participating in a signing ceremony in Moscow tentatively scheduled for Thursday, May 25, 1972.

ON-FILE NSC RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS APPLY

Henry A. Kissinger

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